



Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes April 7, 2021

Members in Attendance: Stephen Crane, Meryl Schwartz , Wally Johnston, John Arena, Phil Posner, Aaron Miklosko, Kate Hodges, Steve Dookran, Jane Hotchkiss (SB liaison), Marcia Rasmussen

- 3:03 meeting called to order followed by a roll call
- Minutes were approved as amended for March 10, 2021 with 3 spelling corrections, approved by a rollcall vote
- Mark Hayden, MassDOT Wildlife Culvert installation
 - Information was provided regarding the need to detour Route 2 traffic for between April 23rd at 8pm to 6pm Sunday April 25th night for a wildlife culvert to be installed under Route 2. The location is just east of BFRT where bridge is being installed, MassDOT is working with State Police to detour
 - Phil Posner asked about if there would be any monitoring to monitor wildlife using the culverts and suggested using Nextdoor to alert the community

Speeding on Old Marlboro Road:

- Ann Sussman – 535 Old Marlboro Road, shared a presentation on speeding and concerns
- Mr. Dookran said that the Traffic Management Group looked at this area and the speeding and mentioned that the neighborhood has asked for speed monitoring signs on the road. The traffic management group agreed that 2 of the monitoring signs may be a good idea and effective in this area to monitor speed. A speed study may also be useful as speeds are based on an old traffic study and there may have been changes. Last speed study was done in Concord was from 1956. It was noted that there are 10 changes in speed from town line to route 2.
- Mr. Crane mentioned that he feels more information would be useful to making decisions and would like to complete a speed study
- Public comment on speed on Old Marlboro Road
 - Fergus Quigley - 464 Old Marlboro Road, Thanked committee for taking the concerns seriously and looking into speed issue and collecting data, Town should consider lowering speed limit all over Town to 25mph
 - John Jaddou – 560 Old Marlboro Road, speed studies have been done, we know what the speeds are, Police have provided data and information
 - Richard Fahlander- 399 Old Bedford road, agreed that it is time to take action to reduce speed especially due to BFRT

Junction Park followup:

- Mr. Dookran shared a preliminary plan from CPW on Junction Park; Short term solutions and techniques include dismount zone stencils and signs to help remind people to dismount their bikes and other wheeled recreation and walk. There is a desire for the signs to be eye catching/very visible
 - Mr. Posner – would more sandwich boards be useful to test areas and signage

- Terri Ackerman - 89 Heathbridge Road, recently walked through Junction Park, could use new additional signs as well as just new replacement signs
- Dorrie Kehoe - 51 MacArthur Road, Interested in a comprehensive plan when BFRT is completed, talk with MBTA to try and find a new path for the rail trail. She mentioned that she does not believe the BFRT goes through Junction Park and changes need to be made.
- Julie Hirschler - 1381 Main Street – More interested in a new bike path than signs from the park or MBTA parking lot
- Cosette Dunn – 131 Ministerial Drive – trying better signage would be great and some creative signage may be effective
- Mr. Fahlander – Mentioned that the BFRT count will be completed May 18, 19, 20th and following weekend
- Mr. Crane noted that Correspondence from Dorie Kehoe was received and distributed to TAC members

Liaison, Public, or Other Comments:

None

- Motion to adjourn 4:33 pm after a roll call vote